

Introduction to European and National Courts



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EU FORUM OF JUDGES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)



Strasbourg, France
Council of Europe

47 Member States

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)



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- **European Convention on Human Rights (1950) + Additional Protocols (16)**
 - No Right to the Protection of the Environment
- **Allegations of violations of the ECHR**
- **Exhaustion of national remedies**
- **40 - 60.000 new cases/ y**
- **EN & FR**
- **HUDOC** : <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/>

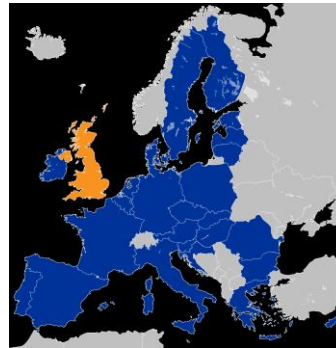
COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (ECJ/CJEU)



27 Member States (-1)



Luxembourg
European Union



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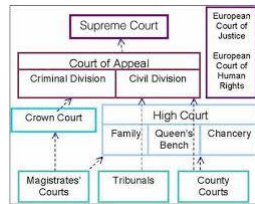
COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (ECJ/CJEU)

- Reviews the legality of the acts of the institutions of the European Union
- Ensures that the Member States comply with obligations under the Treaties
- Interprets European Union law at the request of the national courts and tribunals (preliminary rulings)
- Large body of EU Environmental Law
- 24 Languages / + 1800 cases/y
- <http://curia.europa.eu/>

Legal Systems in Europe

- **Civil Law**
 - **French:** France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Romania, Spain..
 - **German:** Germany, Austria, Russia, Switzerland, Estonia, Latvia, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Greece, Portugal ...
 - **Scandinavian:** Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland
- **Common Law:**
 - England & Wales, Ireland...
- **Mixture:**
 - Scotland, Cyprus, Malta

National Courts - UK



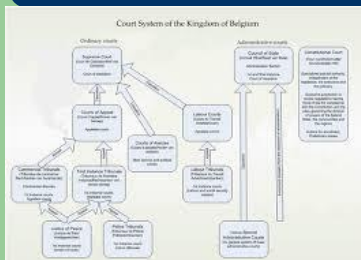
Supreme Court



Court of Appeal England and Wales & High Court



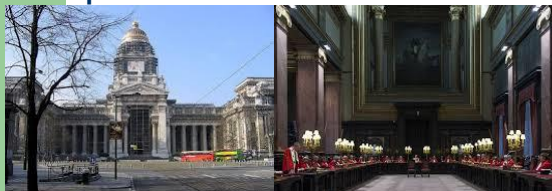
National Courts - BELGIUM



Constitutional Court



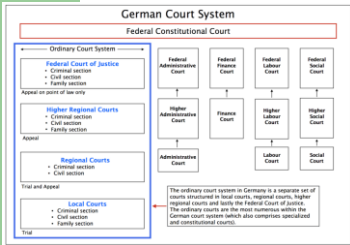
Supreme Court



Council of State



National Courts - GERMANY



Federal Constitutional Court



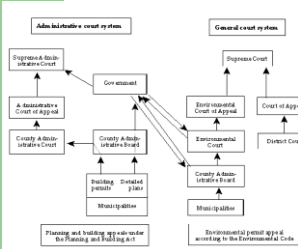
Federal Court of Justice



Federal Administrative Court



National Courts - SWEDEN



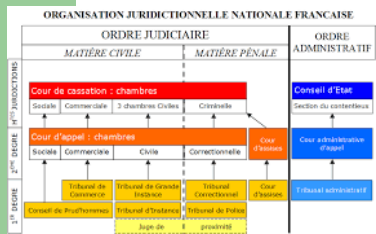
Supreme Court



Land and Environmental Court of Appeal/ 5 Land and Environmental Courts



National Courts - FRANCE



Conseil Constitutionnel



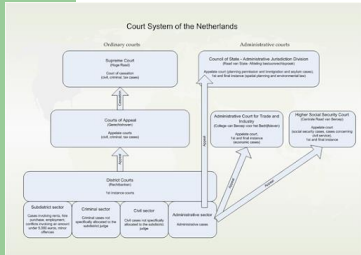
Cour de cassation



Conseil d'état



National Courts - NETHERLANDS



Supreme Court (Hoge Raad)



Supr. Adm. Court (Raad van State)



Court of Appeal

